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Ophuls arrived at the house this morning at nine o'clock and talked to me *about* ~~the~~ the Chancellor's letter to Teitgen. I told him that, since developments over the week end had not offered the prospect of an early meeting between Bidault and Adenauer on the Saar, the advice I had given to Hallstein last Friday about holding up the letter should be withdrawn. I added that, from my own point of view, I thought the letter might just as well be left unsent and the last paragraph of it remained ~~unwise~~ unwise, but I could no longer say its delivery might prejudice immediate negotiations.

I left Orly this morning on the USRO plane with Ed Martin, his wife, two other ladies, and Tommy for London.

Ed Martin and I went to see Al Gruenther at the Hyde Park Hotel in the late afternoon. Al told us of a conversation he had ~~had~~ with Fleven on Saturday. He depicted René as more depressed than he had ever seen him because of the situation in Indo-China. Gruenther has derived the impression that the incubus of Indo-China has made the advocates of EDC apathetic about pushing it through the Government and ^{presenting it} before the Parliament.

I had dinner tonight at ~~the~~ Buck's Club and am staying at Claridge's in a suite large enough for the Aga Khan, in spite of having asked only for a room and bath.

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